lakhs and released Rs. 5.00 lakhs to carry out feasibility study for development
of Majuli Island as a tourist resort. The feasibility study report is not received.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Heritage hotels set up in the country

4408. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI ANANTA SETHI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of heritage hotels set up in the country;

(b) the State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether Government are encouraging the promotion of heritage hotels; and

(d) if so, the details of response to those incentives in every State?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) The Department of Tourism has classified 77 hotels under Heritage category upto April 2001.

(b) The State wise details of Heritage Hotels may be seen as per list given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(c) In order to encourage Heritage Hotels all over the country, the Government extends various incentives to the classified Heritage Hotels and approved Heritage Hotel Project, including Income Tax Exemption under Section 80-IA and 80-HHD of the Income Tax Act 1961, Interest Subsidy at a higher rate of 5% on loan taken from TFCI, IFCI, State Financial Corporation and State Industrial Development Corporation, import of special items, concessional custom duty on import etc.

(d) The response to the initiatives announced by the Government so far has been well received as several promoters are converting the old palaces, havelies, castles, forts and residences built prior to 1950 into Heritage Hotels.